## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A trace data system is provided in which flush request signals are generated

5   and passed to trace data sources to trigger them to output any buffered trace data they

are storing which was generated prior to the flush request being signalled.  When the

trace data has been flushed from these trace data sources, they signal this by

generating a flush complete signal.  The flushing of trace data may advantageously be

performed prior to a power-down operation and using a trace bus bridge.

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[Figure 1]